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MARCH GENERAL MEETING

TODAY'S SPEAKER: PATRICK STARK

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I sit down and write this it is still February, therefore I do not know if March came in like a lion. Let's hope that we can see that spring is just around the corner.

If you are Irish, *Top Of The Morning To Yah!* This is the month that we give the Newfy jokes a rest and pick on the Irish. So here we go with an Irish joke. *What do you call an Irishman who keeps running into a brick wall ... Rick O'Shea!*

Once again thanks to Joan and Ray Porter and Ron Hanson for doing our refreshments while Susan and Brian Passmore enjoy their winter vacation.

Bob Bowyer

FEBRUARY'S GUEST SPEAKER

Audrey Prenzel is the founder of Résumé Resources and is Canada's award-winning and multi-certified Career Transition Specialist. Audrey is formerly from Wasaga Beach but now lives in Trenton with her husband (who is in the Air Force) and their four children. Audrey started her business 9 years ago (coinciding with the birth of her third child). Before that Audrey was a teacher for 13 years.

Audrey is the Canadian leader in helping Military (and trailing spouses), Police, Fire, Engineering and IT personnel transition into new careers. Audrey's clients are globally based and therefore she does not necessarily meet with them face-to-face. She provides writing services for Tactical Canadian, American and International resumes; SME for Canadian Forces Military (UN, NATO) Resumes and Interview Coaching; Strategist for Entry / Progression for Police, (RCMP, OPP, Municipal) and Firefighting; and speech writing (among a number of other services). She is also the author of *Military to Civvie Street: The Complete Job Transition Guide for Those Leaving the Canadian Air Force, Army and Navy* which can be used as a self-help book.

Some of the challenges facing former military are learning to lose the military lingo; losing the ego regarding their military rank; fighting stereotypes; identifying transferable skills; pinpointing second career targets; minimal credible support; esteem issues and unwilling release from the military (i.e. medical release). Audrey is passionate about helping military personnel and their spouses' transition into new careers. If you would like further information you can visit her web site at www.resumeresources.ca.

GET WELL WISHES & CONDOLENCES

- Our heartfelt condolences to Dianne and George Oakes on the loss of Dianne's mother and to Peter and Jean Ruse on the loss of Peter's brother.
- Our get well wishes go to Jean Ruse, Bonnie Brooks-Ayre, Margaret Pothier and Ted Van Ravenstein. Cards have been sent on behalf of the Club.

A *Thinking of You* card was sent to Marilyn Evans.

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010 – Free Pancake Breakfast

There were absolutely no complaints about the food this year. (Remember the disappointment last year when the pancakes were cold and when they ran out of food?) This year was different; the breakfast was greatly enjoyed by all who brought their best appetites. However, there was some disappointment in that many members, who were expected to be there, did not turn up. Because we had given out free tickets to all who intended to be there, we knew exactly how much food to order plus a little bit extra. Many of our members picked up tickets and then, sadly, did not show up for the breakfast for reasons unknown. In the days leading up to the breakfast, no cancellations were received. Even though the caterer brought more food than we actually ordered and some of our more hungry members had second helpings we still had lots and lots of sausages, bacon, pancakes and fruit left over. We had to honour our full commitment to Boston Pizza and paid for the many members who were not there. When you sign an interest sheet or pick up tickets for an event which is at no cost to you, it is indicating a promise, a commitment which in this case unnecessarily cost the club money.



UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010 – ST. PATRICK'S DAY SPECTACLE

(12:15 PM) Make no plans for lunch on this day as food continues to be the theme and we will provide a traditional light Irish meal (Irish stew and bread) accompanied by some Irish entertainment. We hope to have Irish dancers perform for us. Come and enjoy Irish music and join us in an Irish sing-along and some Irish competitions. This is your last chance to get your tickets. Mark your calendars and, if you enjoy food, music, dance and a chance at winning a prize, keep it open to have a delicious and fun-filled afternoon and all for only \$10.00 each. Arrive at 12:15 PM.



TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010 – AN EVENING AT THE RACES

Do you feel lucky (and hungry)? Enjoy a fine dinner (alcoholic drinks are extra), and then look over the racing program and pick your winners at Georgian Downs. If you feel you may have better luck in the casino, just step downstairs. The cost this year is \$23 each which leaves more money to bet on the races. The dinner alone is a nice treat and well worth the cost, especially the dessert. Tickets are on sale at today's meeting. Dinner at 6 PM; Racing starts at 7:25 PM



TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010 – MAGICAL MYSTERY CAR TOUR

Join us as we take a Magical Mystery Car Tour of the local area. Teams will be provided with some information and challenges to guide you on your way and then it's up to you. Four persons per vehicle are encouraged. If you are a single rider, let the social committee know and we will endeavour to place you with some company. It is always more enjoyable that way. Conversely, if you do not mind an additional passenger joining you and if you do have the room, inform the social committee. The tour will explore some places in our local area which may be magical. Then we will all meet at a spot for a (hopefully) delicious meal, and that is the mystery. Tickets are available at today's meeting and the \$12.00 cost includes your suggested route, challenges, prizes and the surprisingly good meal (lots of variety available) with coffee or soft drink.



HEADS UP FOR FUTURE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2010 – TALENT NIGHT

Today's meeting will feature an interest sheet for those intending to come to this event as audience members and diners and those intending to perform. Tickets will be \$25.00 for a delicious meal at the Collingwood Legion Hall topped off by an evening of lively and witty entertainment. Mark your calendars and show your support by signing the interest sheet. Tickets will be available at next month's meeting.



TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2010 – Annual picnic in Elmvale

AUGUST (Date TBA) – A live show at King's Wharf in Penetanguishene

AUGUST (Date TBA) – Probus Golf Tournament

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th STRATFORD THEATRE

This is a whole day bus trip to the Stratford Theatre to view "Evita" which includes lunch at the Queen's Hotel. Cost for the day which includes bus there and back, lunch and ticket is \$120.00 each. Availability is on a first-come-first-serve basis. Sign the interest sheet on the social table to hold a spot if you are seriously interested and able to attend.

FEBRUARY LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st prize of \$40.00 – Brian Armstrong
2nd prize of \$25.00 – Ron Hanson
3rd prize of \$20.00 – Bob Bowyer
4th prize of \$15.00 – Lorraine Doidge
Gift Certificate (\$40.00 value) to Wasaga Flowers – Marilyn Ruse

PLEASE BRING COINS TO BUY YOUR LUCKY DRAW TICKETS

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: Best wishes to those who celebrate in March.

"MEET YOUR MEMBER" – WE NEED YOU! Please consider presenting your profile.

Please contact Betty Keyes at (705) 429-6064 for information regarding "Meet Your Member" profiles. If you are not comfortable speaking in front of groups, Betty will be pleased to help you compose and read your profile at a specified monthly meeting.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.	SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.
First Edition Book Club	Betty Montgomery	429-6854	Pinochle	Bob Bowyer	429-0579
Dinner at our Place	Linda Willis	429-0467	Happy Bookers Club	Mary Barnes	429-2142
Restaurant Dinner Club	Joyanne Loughran	429-6574	Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Joan Maloney	422-0573
Bid Euchre	Paul Turner	422-0747	Fair-Weather Walkers	Lyn Rice	429-1798
Book Worms Club	Lucille Mancer	422-0143	Regular Euchre	Lorraine Doidge	422-0622
Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064	Daytrippers	Lucille Mancer	422-0143
Genealogy	Sandra Hanson	422-0227	Men's Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579

Happy Bookers - (Is at maximum membership)

Today was our first ever international book club meeting. Luci Worch hosted the Florida chapter of the book club with 10 participants, while the Wasaga Beach chapter, those of us left at home, only had 5 attendees. The book we both discussed was Ann Patchett's *Bel Canto*. This story reflects the plot of a terrorist group that attacked an embassy in Lima Peru in 1996 and held diplomats, businessmen and officials of many nationalities hostage for 4 1/2 months. In this fictional version, a famous opera singer was

held hostage along with 58 men. Patchett tells us at the beginning that the terrorists will lose but the story is of the relationships that develop between the captors and the hostages and between the hostages. When the inevitable happens 4 months later, and the captors are killed and the hostages released, both the hostages and the readers regret the loss and the disruption of their life in captivity. An interesting character study that the northern group gave a rating of 4.1 to and the southern group gave it a 3.2.

Book Worms Book Club – (There are currently two openings)

The February selection was *Rosewater and Soda Bread* by Marsha Mehran. It is a multi-layered read covering aspects of past life in Iran and current life in Ireland in the 1980's. Some of the many facets of this novel include personal and societal boundaries, the power of healing touch, family conflict and bonding, the introduction of Persian cuisine into a strict Catholic environment as well as bigotry and racism in a small town. Lively discussions took place concerning the numerous, diversified characters in the story and the political, social and personal challenges they face. It is a thought provoking novel that was enjoyed by all.

Men's Breakfast Group

The Men's Breakfast group meets on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship and a good breakfast. We rotate between 5 or 6 local restaurants. Our next breakfast will be held at **Edenvale Aerodrome on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 9:00 AM**. We have capped our group at 25. To get on the list as an alternate please call Bob Bowyer at 429-0579.

Restaurant Dinner Club

On Tuesday, February 16, nineteen hungry people met at Wasaga Beach's Bamboo Terrace to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Well I can tell you that no one went home hungry! We shared a large variety of delicious morsels as well as some lively conversations! **Gung Hee Fatt Choi [Happy (Chinese) New Year]!**

DON'T FORGET:

- The Secretary's Minutes of the last General Meeting and the Treasurer's Summary of the Club's finances are posted at the front of the room. Please read them!
- **Please notify the Membership Convener of any changes to your address, phone number, e-mail address, etc.** We realize this is a continuing reminder, but it is very important!
- Please pass information regarding sickness, hospital stays, or death of a member to our Goodwill Convener (Shirley Brett at 429-8907). If you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card.
- Our New Member Ambassador, Lucille Mancer, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities. Lucille can be reached at 422-0143 or lucille.mancer@sympatico.ca

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2009-2010.

President	Bob Bowyer	429-0579	Membership	Heide & Guenter Haessler	422-0288
Vice-President	Don Caron	429-0308	Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Secretary	Mary Barnes	429-2142	Lucky Draw	Michael James Linda Vanderknokke	429-7207 429-6846
Treasurer	Kathy Zack	429-0033	New Members	Lucille Mancer	422-0143
Past President	Betty Baker	422-1909	Goodwill	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Speaker and Profiles Chair	Monica Kristan Mary Barnes	429-9635 429-2142	Newsletter	Vincy Stephenson	422-0201
Social	Tom Donohue	429-0644			

NEXT MEETING - APRIL 6, 2010 AT THE WASAGA STARS ARENA

Arrive early to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00 am. Remember to bring your "Probus" mug and wear your name tags.

REMINDER: Tom Donohue will be doing the April newsletter. Tom will send out a reminder e-mail so that you know where to send your reports.
THANKS TOM!

